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WEASEL IS WISE
TO OUR RACKET!
DON'T LET HIM
GET AWAY!

I'LL FILL
HIM FULL OF
LEAD! I
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RED FIRE

as he meets "THE BULLET EATER"

THERE IS MEDICINE THAT CAN CURE AND MEDICINE THAT CAN KILL! IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE MAN PRESCRIBING IT! IF A "DOCTOR" IS A GREEDY FAKER OUT FOR BLOODY GOLD, AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A MAN WHO FEEDS HIS CLIENTS BULLETS INSTEAD OF PILLS—THEN ANY PATIENT OF THEIRS WILL FIND HIS SICK-BED TURNED INTO A DEATH-BED! BUT RED FIRE FIGHTS ANY PRESCRIPTION FOR DOOM WITH AN ANTIDOTE OF JUSTICE, AS HE BATTLES AS VILLAINOUS A PAIR OF DEATH MERCHANTS AS EVER DISPENSED EXTINCTION TO THEIR PUBLIC!

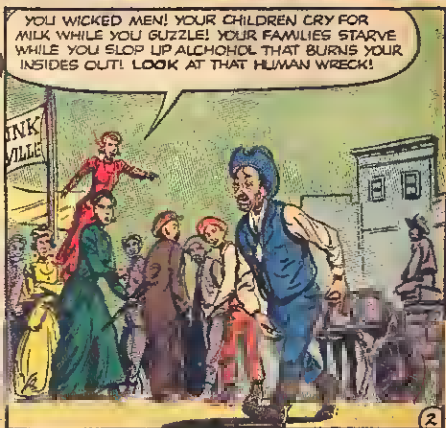
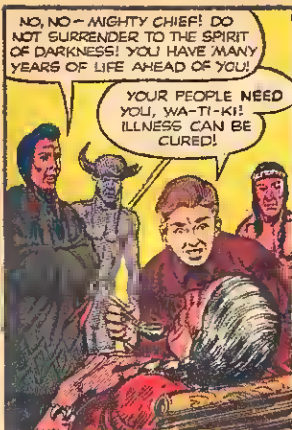
ALL RIGHT, RED FIRE!
IF OUR MEDICINE CAN'T
CURE YUH—WE GOT AN
OTHER! ALL RIGHT, LET
HIM HAVE IT, OOC!



RED FIRE WAS VISITING AN AILING FRIEND, CHIEF WA-TI-KI, CHIEF OF THE YAVAPAI INDIAN TRIBE. RED FIRE'S GUARDIAN AND BENEFACTOR, WHO WAS DEATHLY ILL...

TIME
FOR YOUR MEDICINE, FRIEND!

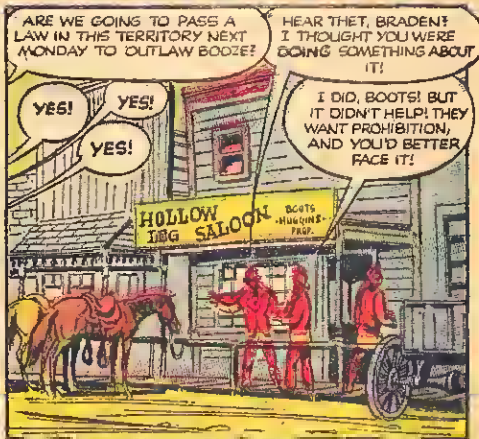
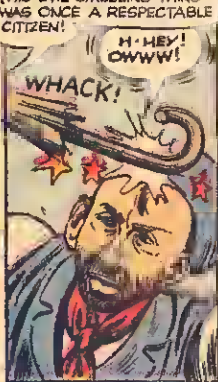
NO, LAD, ENOUGH MEDICINE!
ALL THE MEDICINE IN THE
WORLD CANNOT CURE ME...
I AM SICK UNTO DEATH...
MY TIME HAS COME...



CONSIDER THE FACE OF THIS BOOZY DERELICT! IS THIS THE FACE OF A MAN!

OF COURSE NOT! IT'S THE FACE OF A BABOON! AND THIS EVIL SMELLING THING WAS ONCE A RESPECTABLE CITIZEN!

NOW HE HAS ABANDONED HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND CRAVES NOTHING BUT ALCOHOL! WHAT HAS CAUSED THIS MONSTROUS THING! NOTHING BUT LIKKER! LIKKER! LIKKER!





YUH DON'T DRINK NOTHIN' AT MY BAR! YUH LISTEN TO ME, SEE! I GAVE YUH \$5,000 TO FIGHT THESE BLUE NOSES, AND WHERE AM I! AS GOOD AS OUTTA BUSINESS! I...I WANT IT BACK!

B...BOOTS! THE MONEY'S SPENT!



WHAT'D YA SPEND MY MONEY ONE... EXCEPT YORESELF? YOU CHIGEUN' SHYSTER!

I SPENT IT ON PUBLICITY! I TRIED TO BUY INFLUENCE! BUT IT DIDN'T WORK! WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?



...MY MONEY BACK! GIMME \$5,000 THIS MINUTE - ON THE SPOT - OR I'LL BLOW THE DAYLIGHTS OUTTA YUH! GIMME MY MONEY BACK!

G...GOOD HEAVENS, BOOTS! YOU'VE GONE MAD! THINK, MAN! I'M ONLY A LAWYER! I CAN'T MOVE HEAVEN AND EARTH!



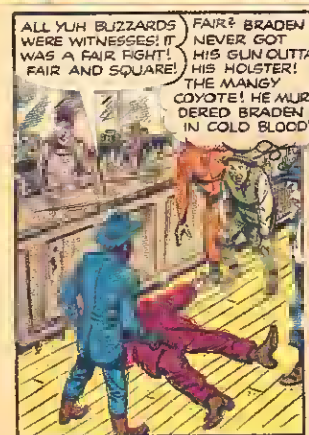
YORE HOWLIN' IN THE WRONG ALLEY, BRADEN! I AIN'T LISTENIN'! I'M COUNTIN' TO THREE... THEN I'M GOIN' TO DRAW... IF I CAN'T GIT \$5,000... I'M GITTIN' SATISFACTION ...ONE...TWO...

WAIT, BOOTS! I... CAN'T DRAW AGAINST YOU! YOU'RE THE FASTEST DRAW IN THE TERRITORY! I... UH...



THAT'S TOO BAD FUR YOU SHYSTER - THREE!

EEEE-OOOOGH!



ALL YUH BUZZARDS WERE WITNESSES! IT WAS A FAIR FIGHT! FAIR AND SQUARE!

FAIR? BRADEN NEVER GOT HIS GUN OUTTA HIS HOLSTER! THE MANGY COYOTE! HE MURDERED BRADEN IN COLD BLOOD!



IT WAS SELF DEFENSE, RIGHT! ANSWER, YUH VARMINTS!

SHORE-BOOTS! I...IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE!

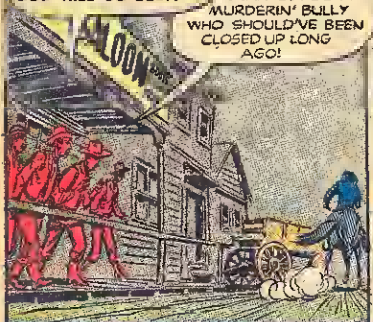


OKAY! I LIKE T'HEAR THE TRUTH! WHAT'S MORE - THEM BLUE NOSES AIN'T GOT ME BEAT! THEY WON'T CLOSE MY SALOON EXCEPT OVER MY DEAD BODY!

HMM... LET'S HOPE SO!

HE CAN SHOUT AN SHOOT
ALL HE WANTS! PROHIBITION
IS COMIN' AN' ONE THING
I'LL LIKE ABOUT IT...THAT
DOG WILL GO BUST!

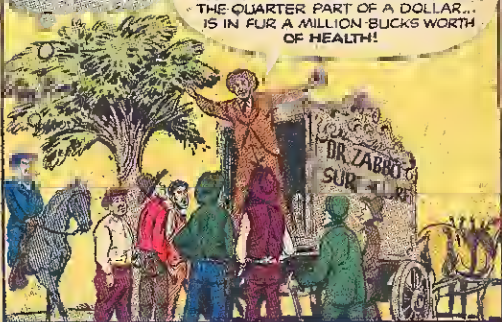
YEAH! IT'LL BE
WORTH HAVIN'
A DRY WHISTLE
TO SEE HUGGINS
STARVE! HE'S A
MURDERIN' BULLY
WHO SHOULD'VE BEEN
CLOSED UP LONG
AGO!



SHORTLY AFTER, NEAR THE OUTSKIRTS OF BLACKVILLE...

WHO'S THAT!
DR. ZABBO! NEVER
HEARD OF HIM!

AN' I REITERATE AND REITERATE
AGAIN... THAT ANYBODY BUYIN' MY
SECRET PURE CURE FUR TWO BITE...
THE QUARTER PART OF A DOLLAR
IS IN FUR MILLION BUCKS WORTH OF HEALTH!



WILL
IT
CURE
BALD-
NESS!

MISTER - THIS PURE CURE
WILL PUT HAIR ON A
BILLIARD BALL - GROW
HAIR ON YOUR HAND! DR.
ZABBO'S CURE - ALL WILL
CURE ANYTHING FROM
DANDRUFF TO
DIABETES!

ONE SIDE, YOU
GREASETAILS! OUT
TA MY WAY!



GIVE ME
THAT BOTTLE!
I GOT A
COLD! LET'S
SEE IF IT
CURES MY COLD!

HEY!
YOU'VE
GOT A
NERVE!



IF YUH THINK
THIS IS BAD
ZABBO - WAIT'LL
YUH SEE ME
IN ACTION!

THIS IS INTOLERABLE!
I'LL GIT THE LAW
ON YUH!

GLUB!
GLUB!



ALL YUH'LL GIT
IS A MOUTHFUL
OF THIS SWILL!
WHAT'S IN IT? IT
TASTES LIKE
PIZEN!

UGH!



PIZEN! NO -
IT'S GREAT STUFF,
MADE FROM AN
ANCIENT
RECIPE!

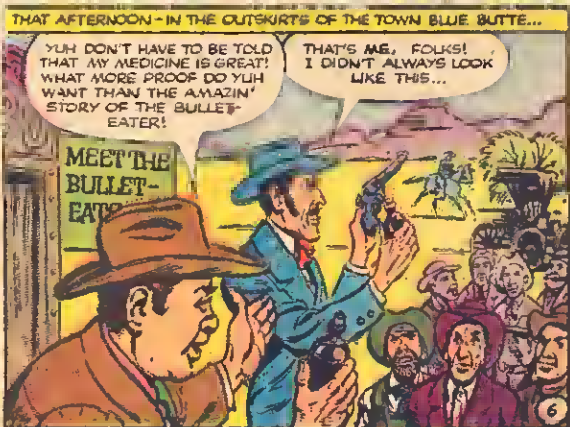
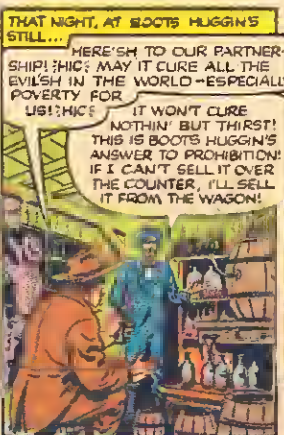
IF IT'S THET
GOOD - LET'S
SEE YUH
DRINK SOME
OF IT YOUR-
SELF! C'MERE!



N...NO... UGHHH!
PPPT.TTT! :GASP!
N...NO MORE...
PLEASE!

DELICIOUS,
AIN'T IT?





NO, SIR! I WAS WEAK AND PUNY! SICK AS SIN! THIN AS A LATH! THE DOCTOR GAVE ME UP FOR DEAD! MY FRIENDS WERE MEASURING ME FOR A COFFIN, WHEN A MIRACLE HAPPENED! YESSIR—A MIRACLE!



HMM—LET'S LISTEN A WHILE, WHITE LIGHTNING!

THIS HERE IS THE MIRACLE! DR. ZABBO CAN CURE ANYTHING! THIS CURE-ALL MADE ME WHAT I AM TODAY! I'M SO STRONG, I CAN EAT BULLETS!



DON'T TAKE HIS WORD FOR IT! MAKE HIM SHOW YOU HOW HE CAN EAT 44, CARTRIDGES!

YES! YES! SHOW US!

OKAY! HERE GOES! I'LL EMPTY MY SIXER CHAMBERS...



...AN' EAT THE SLUGS LIKE THEY WAS CANDY!



ONLY THEY ARE CANDY—YUH SUCKERS!

GASP! HEY! LOOK AT THAT! EATIN' BULLETS!

DELICIOUS! SIMPLY DEE-UCIOUS!



GIVE US A BOTTLE!

TAKE YOUR TIME, FOLKS! PLENTY OF MEDICINE HERE!

ME, TOO!

I WANT ONE!

DOCTOR—C...COULD I SEE YOU A SECOND? COULD THIS MEDICINE CURE DIABETES?



YOUNG FELLER, MY CURE-ALL CAN DESTROY DIABETES WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! BUT YOU LOOK HALE AND HEARTY, M'LAD!

NO, DOCTOR—IT'S NOT ME—CHIEF. WA-TI-KI—HE'S TERRIBLY SICK—HIS TRIBE WILL DO ANYTHING TO CURE HIM! SEE? THEY GAVE ME \$1500 TO PAY FOR A DOCTOR!



GULP! \$1,500! SON—YOU'VE FOUND YOURSELF THE BEST DOCTOR IN THE WEST!

LOOKIT! ALL THESE DIPLOMAS, AND PRIZES! ZABBO CAN CURE ANYTHIN'! JUST TAKE BACK A WAGONLOAD OF MY MAGIC MEDICINE! AN'...



WAIT! AREN'T YOU EVEN GOING TO EXAMINE CHIEF WA-TI-KI!

ER—SHORE! I'LL EXAMINE HIM IN-SIDE AND OUT—THEN I'LL GIVE HIM THE MEDICINE! SHALL WE GET GOIN'?



YES—THE SOONER THE BETTER! THE CHIEF IS VERY SICK! I ONLY HOPE HE IS STILL AUVEN WHEN WE GET THERE!

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THAT NIGHT...

YOUR CHIEF IS FIXED UP FINE! HE'LL WAKE UP IN THE MORNING FEELIN' LIKE A MILLION BUCKS! AN' SPEAKIN' OF A MILLION BUCKS...AHEM!

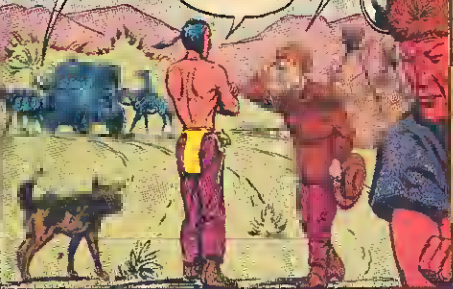
I'M NOT SO SURE YOUR CURE IS WORTH SO MUCH MONEY...

GIVE IT TO HIM, RED FIRE! IF HE CURES OUR CHIEF- HE IS WORTH TEN TIMES THAT MONEY!

SO LONG, KID! GIVE THE MEDICINE TWELVE HOURS TO WORK! YOU'LL SEE THE CHANGE IT'LL MAKE IN THE CHIEF BY MORNING!

RED FIRE'S BROW IS CLOUDED WITH WORRY! SPEAK! WHAT TROUBLE'S THE CHIEF'S FAVORITE?

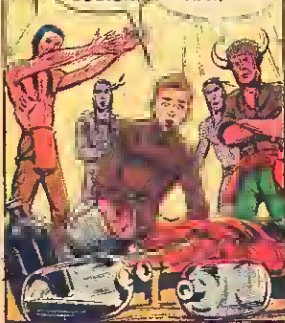
I DON'T KNOW, GREY FOX! I JUST HAVE A FEELING THAT ALL IS NOT WELL!



THE NEXT MORNING...

THE CHIEF IS DEAD! IT'S MY FAULT! IF I'D FOUND A BETTER DOCTOR...

NO, RED FIRE, YOU DID YOUR BEST. THE GREAT SPIRIT WANTED WA-TI-KI, SO HE TOOK HIM!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT-AS THE BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARRIVED FOR THE FUNERAL...

SO THIS IS THE MEDICINE DR. ZABBO GAVE YOU AS A CURE-ALL! DO YOU SMELL WHAT I SMELL, BUMPER?

IT'S LIKKER!



THE FOLLOWING DAY- IN DR. MAN-SON'S OFFICE IN BLACKVILLE...

THERE'S NO DOUBT OF IT- THIS MEDICINE IS HALF LIQUOR- DEADLY TO DIABETICS! THIS STUFF UNQUESTIONABLY KILLED WA-TI-KI!

THEN DR. ZABBO LIED TO ME! HE'S A MURDERER! HE'S WORSE THAN THAT RED FIRE! WHAT DID HIS BULLET-EATING FRIEND LOOK LIKE?



AS RED FIRE DESCRIBES "THE BULLET-EATER"...

BOOTS HUGGINS! NOW THAT LIQUOR HAS BEEN PROHIBITED, BOOTS HAS FOUND ANOTHER USE FOR HIS ROTGUT!

WELL, HE'S FIXED HIMSELF GOOD THIS TIME! I'LL GET A COURT ORDER THAT'LL PUT BOTH HIM AND ZABBO OUT OF WHACK FOR GOOD!



THAT NIGHT- AT BOOTS HUGGIN'S STILL...

WE'VE GOTTA WORK FAST!

I'M GIVIN' YA THE STRAIGHT GOODS! THE BLACK DIAMOND IS OUT TO GIT YUH FUR TWO REASONS-KILLIN' THE CHIEF WITH YOUR PHONY MEDICINE, AND FOR SELLIN' LIQUOR!

THIS CURE-ALL BUSINESS IS A GOLD MINE, AND NOBODY'S GONNA RUIN IT!



THE NEXT EVENING IN TOWN...

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET RID OF THE BLACK DIAMOND IS TO BRING HIM TO US! WE'LL KIDNAP THE KID, AND THAT MEDDLIN' TIN STAR WILL COME RUNNIN' INTO OUR TRAP, AND WE'LL DRY GULCH HIM!

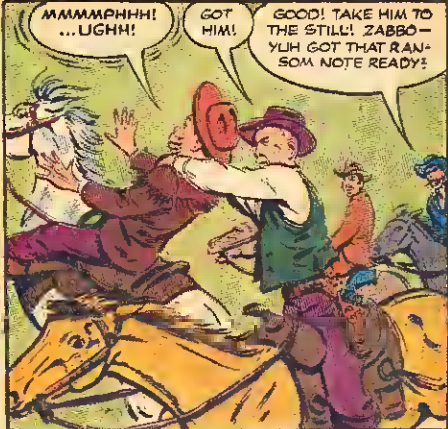
QUIET! HERE COMES THE KID NOW!



MMMMPHHH! ...UGH!

GOT HIM!

GOOD! TAKE HIM TO THE STILL! ZABBO-YUH GOT THAT RANSOM NOTE READY!



LATER, AT BOOTS HUGGIN'S DISTILLERY...

SORRY, KID - IT'S YOU OR US! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SIDED THE BLACK DIAMOND ON OUR TRAIL!

YOU HAVEN'T WON YET, IN SPITE OF YOUR TRICKS!

YORE TIN-STAR HERO WILL FIND HIMSELF AT THE END OF HIS TRAIL!



MINUTES LATER, AS RED FIRE LOOKS OVER HIS PRISON...

THIS IS AWFUL! IF BLACK DIAMOND AND BLUMPER RIDE INTO AN AMBUSH BECAUSE OF ME... HMM... GUNPOWDER! AND THAT'S THE DISTILLERY SHACK OVER THERE - I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



CHUCKING THE POWDER OUT IN A STREAM, CONSTANTLY LENGTHENING IT FURTHER...

NOW - IF ONLY THE GUARDS OUT IN FRONT OF THE SHED DON'T HEAR ME...

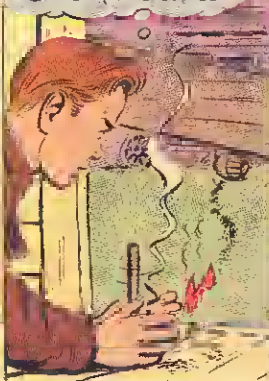


RED FIRE FINALLY ROLLS THE GUNPOWDER BARREL TOWARD THE DISTILLERY WALL...

NOW TO START A SPARK BY RUBBING A STICK IN A HOLE!

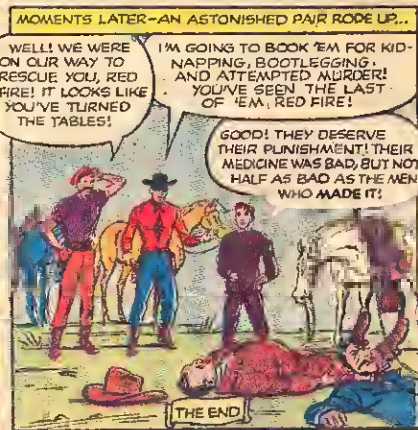
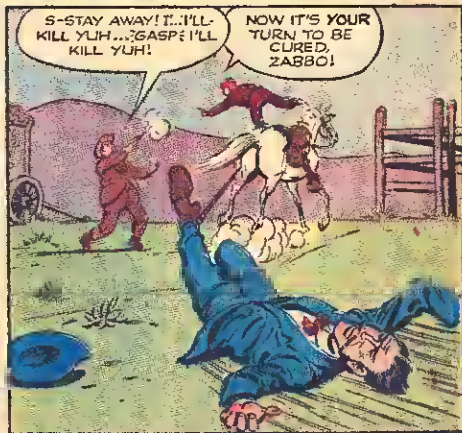
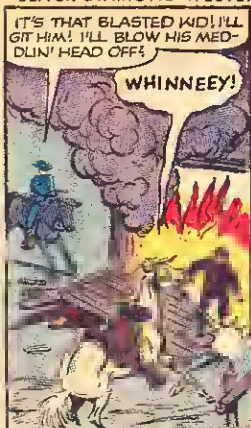


AS SOON AS THE DISTILLERY BLOWS, I'LL TOUCH OFF THE FRONT OF THIS SHED, TOO!



NOW FOR THIS ONE!





HOW DOES RED FIRE SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF A SINGLE BULLET THAT KILLED TWO MEN IN DIFFERENT CITIES? YOU MUST SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT! READ THE NEXT ISSUE OF BLACK DIAMOND FOR THE SLAM-BANG-EST RIP-SNORTING-EST FIREWORKS EVER CRAMMED INTO THE GREAT-EST OF ALL WESTERN MAGAZINES!

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MEETS "THE GOLD STRIKE HOAXERS"

THE SETTLING OF THE WEST AMIDST LAW AND ORDER WAS A DIFFICULT PROPOSITION BACK IN THE '70'S AND THE '80'S! EASTERN CRIMINALS AND SOCIETY'S BLACK SHEEP FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD FOUND A HAVEN WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI, UNTIL THE COURAGEOUS U.S. MARSHAL, BOB VALE, IN THE GUISE OF THE BLACK DIAMOND, RODE THE PLAINS WITH HIS SIDEKICK, BUJAMPER, TO SEEK OUT THESE UNSAVORY ELEMENTS, AND BRING PEACE AND JUSTICE TO THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE NEW REPUBLIC!

HEY,
WHAT IN
BLAZES!?

I GOT 'IM, LUKE! GRAB
HIS GUN AND GET THE
BLACK DIAMOND!

GOOD WORK, BART! THERE...
I KILLED THE BLACK DIAMOND!
NOW, I'LL GIVE YUH A HAND
WITH OLD WALRUS UP!



AMONG THE MORE VICIOUS SEEKERS OF EASY MONEY WHO INVADED THE WEST IN 1881 WERE LUCIUS DUNNE AND BART MORENO! THEIR CRIME CAREERS WERE DOOMED ON THE NIGHT DUNNE SAT IN ON A POKER GAME IN COLBORO'S ONLY SALOON...

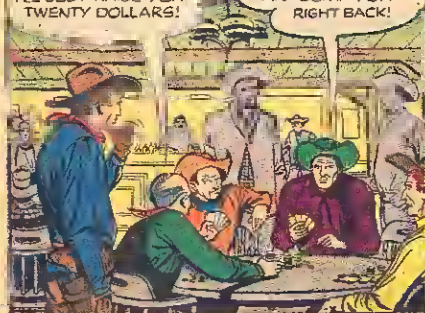
LOOK'S LIKE JUST YOU
AN' ME, STRANGER! WELL—
I'LL JUST RAISE YUH
TWENTY DOLLARS!

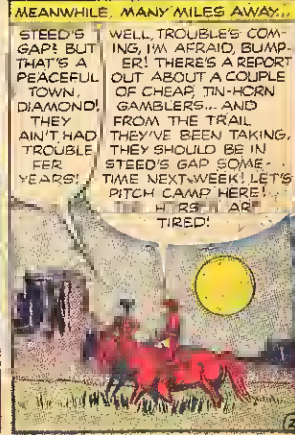
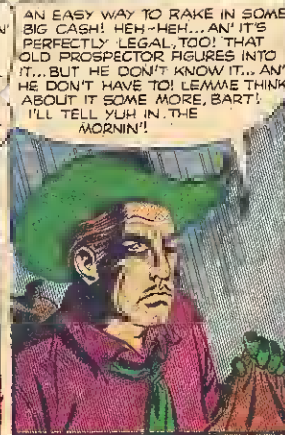
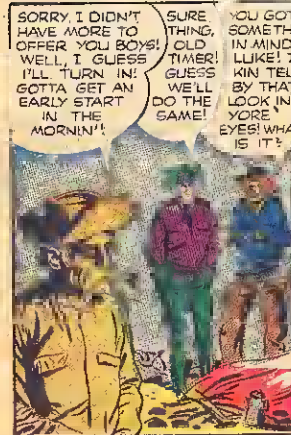
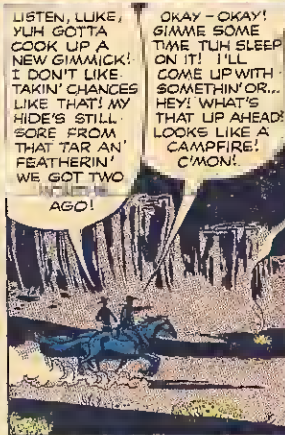
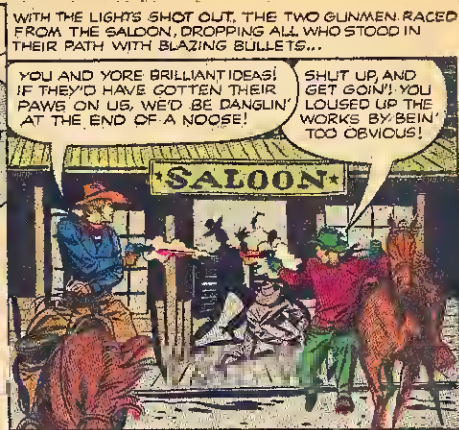
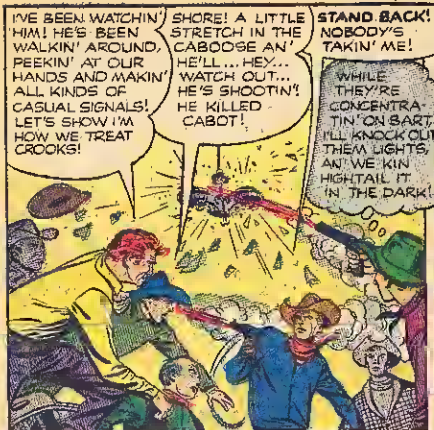
HMM! OKAY...HMM!
MISTER...I'LL CALL
AN' BUUMP YUH
RIGHT BACK!

HOLD IT, SAM...
DON'T SEE THAT
RAISE! THAT HOM-
BRE'S HIS PARD...
AN' HE'S TOSSEIN'
SIGNALS OVER
THE TABLE AT
'IM!

WH...WHY,
YU'RE
LOCO! I
DON'T
EVEN KNOW
THE
CRITTER!

HOLD ON THERE,
YU! I DON'T LIKE
GUYS WHO MAKE
ACCUSATIONS LIKE
THAT! YU'RE JUST
SORE CAUSE YUH
AIN'T WON A POT
YET!





MORNING...

WELL, GUESS YUH FELLERS'LL GET TUH STEEDS GAP AFOR I WILL! MEBBE I'LL SEE YUH THERE!

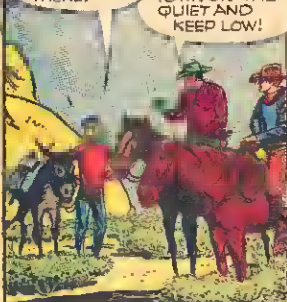
SURE THING, POP! WE MIGHT EVEN HAVE A LITTLE DEAL FOR YUH! IF YORE INTERESTED, COME INTO TOWN ON 'THE QUIET AND KEEP LOW!

OKAY, LUKE... GIVE OUT! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? HOW DOES HE FIGURE INTO YORE SET-UP?

BART, WHAT O'YUH'S PCSE WOULD HAPPEN IF HE CAME TEARIN' INTO TOWN YELLIN' ABOUT THE BIGGEST STRIKE IN HISTORY?

THE TOWN'D GO GOLD CRAZY! EVERYBODY'D LIGHT OUT TUN MAKE THEIR OWN STRIKE!

RIGHT! BUT THEY'D DO SOMETHIN' ELSE FIRST! THEY'D NEED EQUIPMENT... SHOVELS, PICKS, PANS, CANTEENS AND ALL THAT STUFF! NOW JUST SUPPOSE WE BOUGHT OUT ALL THAT STUFF! AN' THEY HAD TUN COME TUN US! IF WE ADD OUR DOUGH TOGETHER, WE'VE GOT CLOSE TO \$175! THAT'LL SURE BUY A 'MESS OF EQUIPMENT!



WHY SURE... AN' WE JACK UP THE PRICE TUN SUIT OURSELVES! WHY WE KIN CLEAN UP A FORTUNE! THERE'S NO LAW AGINST IT, BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY FIND OUT IT'S A HOAX?

USE YORE BRAINS! AS SOON AS WE'RE ALL SOLD OUT, WE VAMOOSE! THAT'S ONE THING THEY AINT GONNA FIND OUT SO SOON! LET ME HAVE YORE MONEY! THERE'S STEED'S GAP UP AHEAD!

HITCHING UP THE TWO CONNIVERS STRODE BOLDLY INTO THE GENERAL STORE AND...

THE WHOLE LOT? B... BUT THERE'S OVER A \$100 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT THERE! WHAT'RE YUH GOIN' TO DO WITH IT ALL?

LOOK, BUD, I AINT ASKIN' YUH ANY QUESTIONS! YORE IN THE BUSINESS TO SELL THAT STUFF, AINT YUH? WE'LL, I'M BUYIN' IT ALL! WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE TO YOU?

WELL, WE'VE GOT EVERY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IN TOWN, LUKE, AN' WE'VE STILL GOT \$25 LEFT! WHAT NOW?

TAKE THIS DOUGH AN' BUY A COUPLE OF RICH NUGGETS FROM THE ASSAYER ACROSS THE STREET! DON'T AROUSE SUSPICION... TELL 'IM YUH WANT 'EM FER GOOD LUCK CHARMS OR WATCH FOBS!



LATE THAT NIGHT, LUKE AND BART WAITED AT THE EDGE OF TOWN FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE OLD PROSPECTOR...

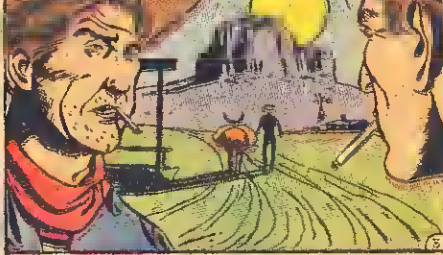
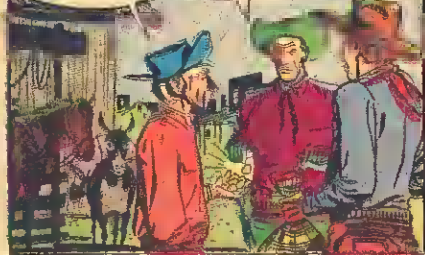
I DON'T GET IT, MISTER! YUH WANT ME TUN COME RACIN' INTO TOWN TOMORROW, MORNIN' AT TEN, YELLIN' I HIT PAY-DIRT? WHUT FER?

NEVER MIND THAT! JUST DO IT! SHOW THESE NUGGETS, AN' PART OF YORE CLAIM! THERE'S ENOUGH GRUB TUN KEEP YUH TILL MORNIN'!

YEAH! ACT REAL CONVIN-CIN, AN' YUH KIN KEEP THEM NUGGETS!

SAY, LUKE... SUPPOSE HE SLIPS UP! SUPPOSE HE DOESN'T CONVINCE EVERYBODY THAT THERE'S A STRIKE!

DON'T WORRY! WE'LL BE ON HAND TUN GREET 'IM! AS SOON AS HE OPENS HIS MOUTH, WE'LL SUGGEST A CELEBRATION, SHOVE A BOTTLE AT HIM, AND GET 'IM SO PIE-EYED THAT HE'LL REALLY THINK HE FOUND GOLD HIM-SELF!



AND THE NEXT MORNING...

AIN'T CHA HEERD? IT'S OL' MAN WILKES SAYS HE'S HIT A BIG VEIN O' GOLD! MUST BE MILLIONS! SEZ THERE'S ENOUGH FER THE WHOLE TOWN!

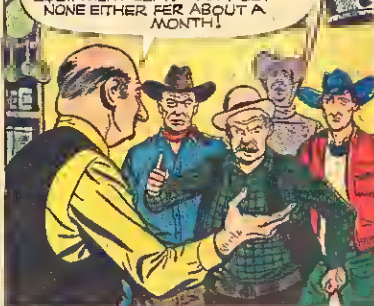
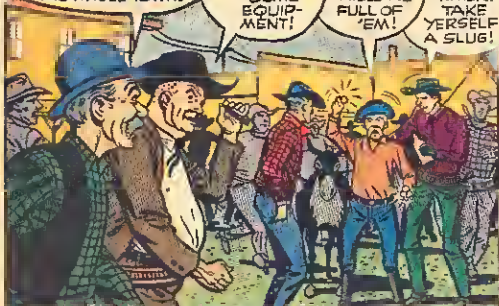
YUH DON'T SAY! WELL, THAT'S FER ME AS SOON'S I KIN GET HOLD OF SOME EQUIP-
MENT!

YESSIR, I'M RICH! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THEM NUGGETS! THE HILLS'RE FULL OF 'EM!

THIS CALLS FER A CELEBRATION! HERE Y' ARE, OLD TIMER! TAKE YERSELF A SLUG!

WHAT D'YUH MEAN YUH'RE ALL SOLD OUT! WEGOTTA HAVE PICKS AN' SHOVELS AN'...

SORRY, GENTS, BUT TWO FELLERS BOUGHT ME OUT YESTERDAY! I AIN'T GOT A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT LEFT, CAN'T GET NONE EITHER FER ABOUT A MONTH!

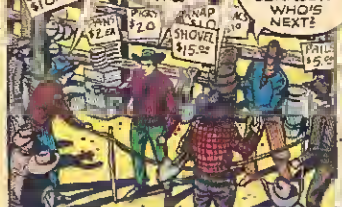


MEANWHILE, DOWN THE STREET, THE TWO MEN HAD SET UP THEIR SHOP...

WHY, THEM PRICES ARE RIDICULOUS! FIFTEEN BUCKS FER A THREE BLICK SHOVEL, AN' THOSE PANS AIN'T WORTH MORN'N TWENTY CENTS!

THEN TAKE YORE BUSINESS ELSEWHERE! THEM MY PRICES AN' NO-BODY'S FORCIN' YUH TO BUY FROM ME!

I GOTTA BUY FROM YUH, YUH'VE GOT THE ONLY EQUIP-
MENT THERE IS! THAT'S RIGHT! LETS SEE NOW... \$39 IS CORRECT! WHO'S NEXT?



SOME TIME LATER...

HEY! LISTEN- IT'S A TRICK! WILKES LIED ABOUT FINDIN' GOLD!

YUH HEAR THAT? THEY FOUND OUT! WHY THAT OLD GALOOT...

FORGET IT! WE'RE ALL SOLD OUT, AIN'T WE? WE GOT CLOSE TUH \$800 IN OUR POCKETS! LET'S LIGHT OUTTA HERE WHILE TH' LIGHTIN'S GOOD, BART!



NOW CALM DOWN, YOU MEN! I CAN'T ARREST WILKES, BECAUSE HE AIN'T COMMITTED NO CRIME! WHY DON'T YUH TRY GETTIN' YORE MONEY BACK FROM THE MEN WHO SOLD YUH THE STUFF?

THEY'RE GONE! AIN'T SEEN HIDE NOR HAIR OFEITHER OF 'EM SINCE THEY SOLD OUT!

GIT OUTTA TH' WAY, SHERIFF! WE AIM TO TAKE WILKES AN' GIVE 'IM WHAT HE DESERVES!



THE ENRAGED MOB QUICKLY SUBDUED THE RELUCTANT SHERIFF, GRABBED THE OLD PROSPECTOR AND DRAGGED HIM TO THE EDGE OF TOWN, AND A WAITING NOOSE...

SAY, DIAMOND, LOOK UP AHEAD! SEEMS AS IF WE'VE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO CATCH A HANGIN'!

THAT'S NO REGULAR HANG-
ING, BUMPER! THERE'S A MOB THERE! IT... IT'S A LYNCHING! THERE'S NO TRUE JUSTICE WHEN A LYNCHING PARTY TAKES OVER! COME ON, BUMPER- LETS GO!

HAIL 'IM OVER HERE! WE'LL TEACH 'IM TUH ROB US OF OUR SAVINGS!



RELEASE THAT MAN! HOW CHILDISH CAN MEN GET... TAKING THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY?

B. BLACK DIAMOND! HE ROOKED US OUTTA OUR MONEY!

TAINT TRUE! THEM TWO HOMBRES FOOLED ME! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WUZ UP TO!

GET BACK THERE GIVE 'IM A CHANCE TO TELL HIS SIDE OF THE STORY!

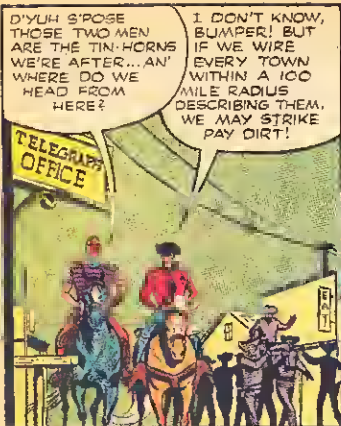


AFTER HEARING THE OLD PROSPECTOR'S TALE...

YOU'RE ALWAYS QUICK TO BLAME THE OTHER FELLOW! ACTUALLY, ALL OF YOU ARE TO BLAME! IT WAS YOUR OWN GREED AND LUST FOR EASY RICHES THAT PRODDED YOU INTO BUYING THAT EQUIPMENT AT THOSE FANTASTIC PRICES! HANGING THIS MAN WON'T BENEFIT YOU... BUT REALIZING YOUR MISTAKES WILL!

THE BLACK DIAMOND'S RIGHT! WE WERE ALL TAKEN FER SUCKERS, AN' WE ADMIT IT! WILKES WAS DOPED BY 'EM ALSO!





D'YUH S'POSE
THOSE TWO MEN
ARE THE TIN-HORN
WE'RE AFTER... AN'
WHERE DO WE
HEAD FROM
HERE?

I DON'T KNOW,
BUMPER! BUT
IF WE WIRE
EVERY TOWN
WITHIN A 100
MILE RADIUS
DESCRIBING THEM,
WE MAY STRIKE
PAY DIRT!



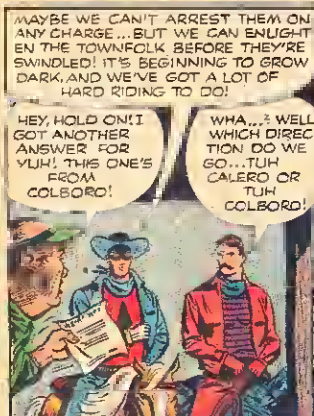
I SAW THOSE FELLERS,
BLACK DIAMOND! THIS IS
A PRETTY GOOD DESCRIPTION
OF 'EM! I'LL ADDRESS
THESE WIRES TO SHERIFFS
OF THE TOWNS
YUH WANT!
OKAY!

RIGHT!
HERE, WE'LL
START OFF
WITH GILA
GULCH, MASON
CALERO... HMM,
LET'S SEE
NOW...



IT'S FROM THE SHERIFF
IN CALERO! THAT'S ABOUT
60 MILES FROM HERE!
'TWO MEN YOU DESCRIBE
ARRIVED HERE... THIS
MORNING! STOP! THEY'RE
BUYING... EVERY PIECE OF
MINING EQUIPMENT IN
TOWN! THAT'S THEM
ALL RIGHT!

BUT WHAT
'CAN WE DO,
DIAMOND!
THEY'RE NOT
DOIN' ANY-
THING ILLEGAL!
BUYING AND
SELLIN' THE
STUFF AIN'T
AGIN THE LAW!



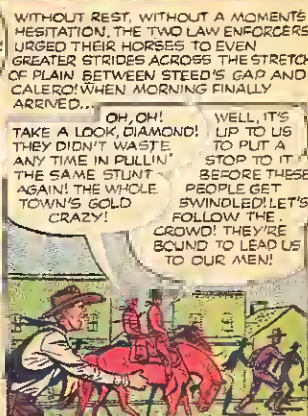
HEY, HOLD ON! I
GOT ANOTHER
ANSWER FOR
YUH! THIS ONE'S
FROM
COLBORD!

WHA...? WELL,
WHICH DIREC-
TION DO WE
GO... TUH
CALERO OR
TUH
COLBORD!



NO CHANGE, BUMPER! OUR
BOYS ARE IN CALERO... AND
THAT'S WHERE WE'RE HEADED!
BUT WE MAY BE ABLE TO
ARREST THEM AFTER ALL!
C'MON, THERE'S NO TIME
TO WASTE!

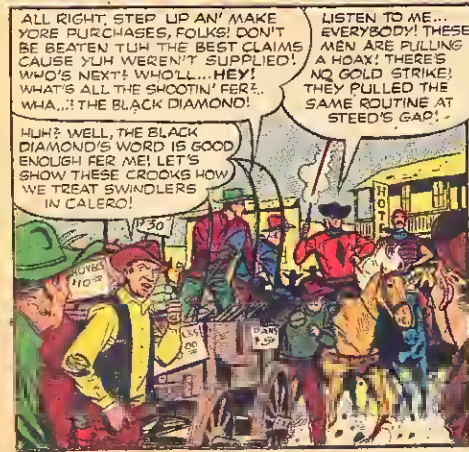
HUH? WHY, WHAT'S
IN THAT MESSAGE,
ANYWAY?



WITHOUT REST, WITHOUT A MOMENT'S
HESITATION, THE TWO LAW ENFORCERS
URGED THEIR HORSES TO EVEN
GREATER STRIDES ACROSS THE STRETCH
OF PLAIN BETWEEN STEED'S GAP AND
CALERO! WHEN MORNING FINALLY
ARRIVED...

OH, OH!
TAKE A LOOK, DIAMOND!
THEY DIDN'T WASTE
ANY TIME IN PULLIN'
THE SAME STUNT
AGAINST THE WHOLE
TOWN'S GOLD
CRAZY!

WELL, IT'S
UP TO US
TO PUT A
STOP TO IT
BEFORE THESE
PEOPLE GET
SWINDLED! LET'S
FOLLOW THE
CROWD! THEY'RE
BOUND TO LEAD US
TO OUR MEN!



ALL RIGHT, STEP UP AN' MAKE
YORE PURCHASES, FOLKS! DON'T
BE BEATEN TUH THE BEST CLAIMS
BECAUSE YUH WEREN'T SUPPLIED!
WHO'S NEXT? WHO'LL... HEY!
WHAT'S ALL THE SHOOTIN' FER?
WHA...! THE BLACK DIAMOND!

LISTEN TO ME...
EVERYBODY! THESE
MEN ARE PULLIN' A
HOAX! THERE'S
NO GOLD STRIKE!
THEY PULLED THE
SAME ROUTINE AT
STEED'S GAP!

HUH? WELL, THE BLACK
DIAMOND'S WORD IS GOOD
ENOUGH FER ME! LET'S
SHOW THESE CROOKS HOW
WE TREAT SWINDLERS
IN CALERO!



DON'T LISTEN TO 'M!
NO!... NO! KEEP AWAY!
BLACK DIAMOND, YO'RE
A LAWMAN... YUH GOTTA
PROTECT US FROM THIS
MOB! WE AIN'T COM-
MITTED ANY CRIME!

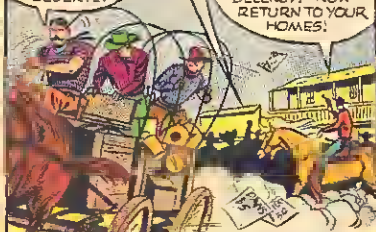
HE'S RIGHT, BUMPER!
IT'S OUR DUTY! GET
UP IN THE DRIVER'S
SEAT! BACK, YOU
MEN... GET BACK!

AS BLACK DIAMOND HELD THE ANGRY MOB AT BAY, BUMPER RAPIDLY BOUNDED TO THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND PROCEEDED TO LEAVE TOWN...

DON'T KNOW WHY I'M DOIN' THIS! I'D MUCH RATHER TURN YOU TWO OVER TO THE MOB, AN' LET YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE!

WHAT'S THE IDEA, DIAMOND? I NEVER KNEW YOU TUH PROTECT CROOKS BEFORE!

AS WRONG AS IT SEEMS, I'VE GOT TO DO MY DUTY! MOB RULE IS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF JUSTICE AND DECENCY! NOW RETURN TO YOUR HOMES!



OKAY, BLACK DIAMOND, WE'RE FAR ENOUGH FROM TOWN NOW! GUESS WE DON'T NEED YUH AS ESCORT ANY MORE! THANKS!

SORRY, GENTS, BUT WE DON'T PART COMPANY 'SO SOON! BUMPER AND I INTEND TO ESCORT YOU TWO ALL THE WAY TO COLBORO!

C... COLBORO? S... BUT WE AIN'T HEADED THERE. WE DON'T WANNA GO TUH COLBORO! HEY! WHAT'S THAT?



A WIRE I RECEIVED BEFORE WE LEFT STEEDS GAD! THE SHERIFF OF COLBORO RECOGNIZED YOUR DESCRIPTIONS AS THE TWO MEN WHO DID A LITTLE CHEATING AT CARDS AND MURDERED A COUPLE OF MEN A FEW NIGHTS BACK! NOW, GRAB YOUR GUNS BETWEEN TWO FINGERS AND TOSS THEM INTO THE ROAD! THEN SIT BACK AND ENJOY A NICE LONG RIDE!

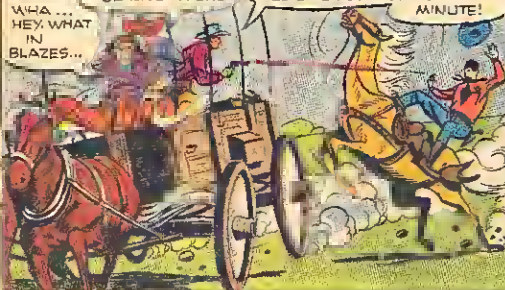


REALIZING THE HEAVY RIDING AND WEARISOME JOURNEY IT REQUIRED FOR THE TWO LAWMEN TO CATCH UP WITH THEM, LUKE AND BART BIDED THEIR TIME UNTIL THE BROILING SUN AND EXCESSIVE RIDING HAD TAKEN ITS TOLL OF BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER, AND THEN THEY LEAPED INTO ACTION!

I GOT HIS ARMS PINNED, LUKE! GRAB HIS GUN, AND GET THE BLACK DIAMOND!

WHA... HEY, WHAT IN BLAZES...

I GOT THE BLACK DIAMOND! HOLD ONTO OLD WALRUS! I'LL GIVE YUH A HAND IN A MINUTE!



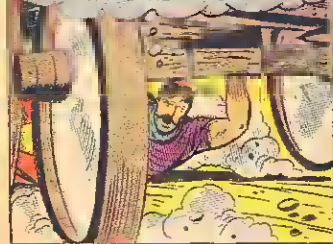
OVER HE GOES! GRAB THE REINS, BART! WE'VE GOT TRAVELIN' TUH DO! WHEN BLACK DIAMOND'S BODY IS FOUND, TH' WHOLE COUNTRY'LL BE ON TH' LOOKOUT FER US!... BUT THAT'S BETERN' HANGIN' FER MURDER!

WHY, YOU DIRTY SIDEWINDIN'... UGGHH!



BUT THE TWO OUTLAWS HADN'T RECKONED WITH THE TOUGH LEATHERY HIDE OF BUMPER! IN THEIR EXCITEMENT, THEY FAILED TO LOOK AROUND... FOR HAD THEY DONE SO, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISED TO FIND HE HADN'T BEEN LEFT BATTERED ON THE TRAIL BEHIND...

GUESS WE MADE A MISTAKE BY NOT TYIN' THOSE POLE CATS UP! I'LL GET THOSE VARMINTS YET... AN' IF THEY'VE REALLY KILLED DIAMOND, I'LL TEAR 'EM APART WITH MY BARE HANDS!



UGH! JUST A LITTLE MORE NOW AND I'LL BE READY FOR 'EM! HOW AM I GONNA TAKE 'EM THOUGH? I'M UNARMED, AN' THEY'VE GOT BOTH OF MY GUNS!



MEANWHILE, BACK ALONG THE TRAIL, BLACK DIAMOND STOPS PLAYING POSSUM...

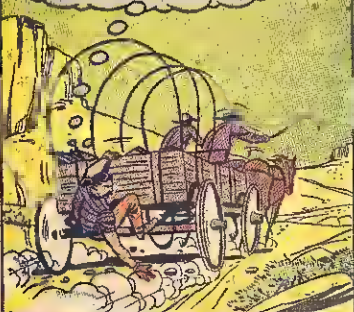
YOU STEPPED INTO THAT GOPHER HOLE JUST AT THE RIGHT SECOND, OLD BOY, OR THAT BULLET WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED ME! LET'S GO AND GET... WHY, BUMPER'S STILL CLINGING TO THE BACK OF THE WAGON! I'VE TRAIL THEM, THEY'LL SIGHT HIM! LET'S GO, BOY... I KNOW A SHORT CUT!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

AND ON THE TRAIL AHEAD, A PLAN FORMED IN BUMPER'S HEAD...

I USED TO BE PRETTY GOOD AT POPPIN' BOTTLES OF THE CORRAL FENCE WHEN I WAS A KID! I HOPE I STILL GOT MY AIM!



HEY! WHAT'S WRO... UGGG! BART! WHERE'D THAT ROCK COME FROM! THERE AIN'T NOBODY BACK THERE!

UGH!



WELL, GOOD RIDDANCE! HEWUZ ALWAYS COMPLAININ' TOO MUCH ANYWAY! I KIN DO BETTER IF I LIGHT OUT ON MY OWN!

UGH!!



WH...WHAT HAPPENED! MY HEAD...WH... IT'S BLACK DIAMOND'S SIDEKICK! WHERE IN BLAZES DID HE SPRING FROM! AAHHH, I'LL FINISH HIM OFF GOOD AND PROPER THIS TIME!

I'M WARNIN' YUH, YUH ORN'RY MAVERICK! DON'T TRY WHAT YOU'RE THINKIN'!



I KILLED THE BLACK DIAMOND, AND I'LL KILL YOU, TOO!

I WARNED YUH! HERE MEET ANOTHER HEEL, HEEL!



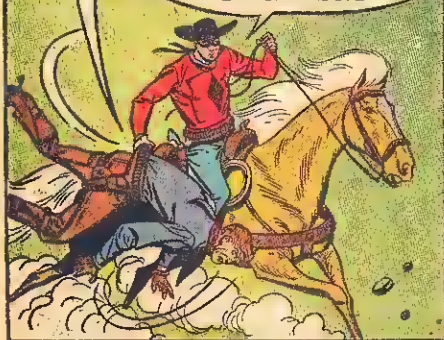
BLACK DIAMOND! B...BUT IT CAN'T BE! HE'S...HE'S DEAD! I SAW HIM FALL WHEN LUKE SHOT HIM!

AHH, I SEE THAT BUMPER LEFT ME A HUMAN TRAIL MARKER!



WHAT TH...? HEY, LEGGO! PUT ME DOWN!

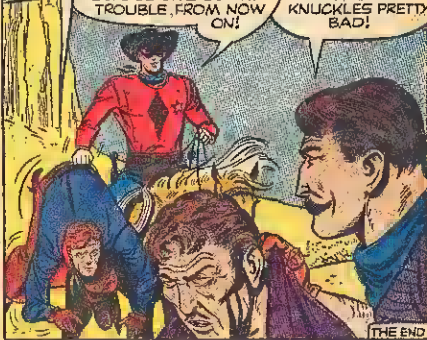
YOU WANT DOWN, EH? WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL GET AS SOON AS WE GET TO COLBORO! YOU'LL GO DOWN ALL RIGHT—THROUGH A LITTLE TRAP DOOR—AT THE END OF A NOOSE!



HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TUH LUKE?

YES, I'LL BET! WELL, WE'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT IN COLBORO! I DON'T THINK THESE BOYS'LL GIVE US ANY TROUBLE, FROM NOW ON!

I THINK HE WENT LOCO! HE JUST KEPT HITTIN' ME IN THE FIST WITH HIS FACE... SCRAPPED MY KNUCKLES PRETTY BAD!



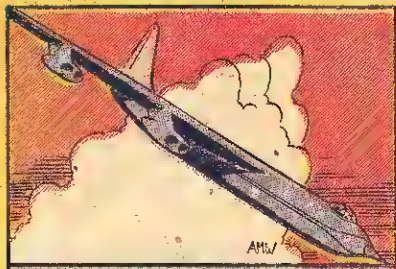
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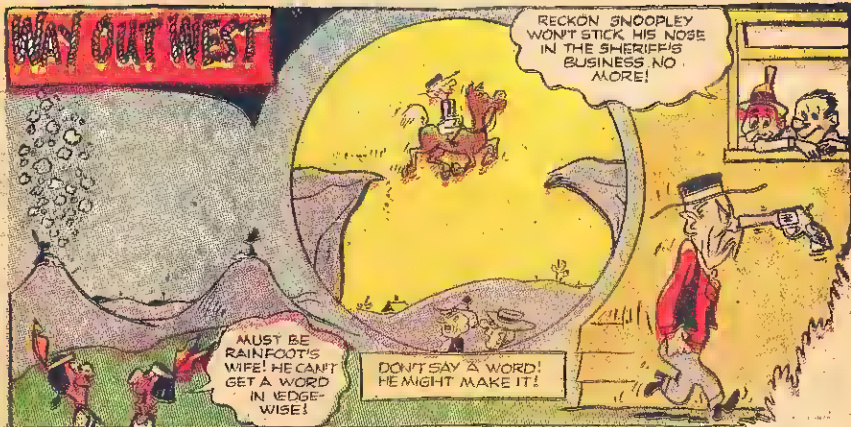


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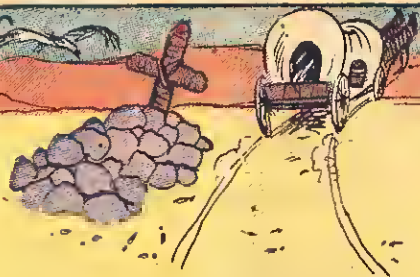


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FRONTIER FACTS!



They raised 'em rugged and tough back in the days when the west was young. A man had to be slow talking or fast on the draw, and it was dangerous to talk out-of-turn, even to a kid — Billy the Kid, for instance . . . he was only 12 the day he shot and killed the first of twenty-one victims for a fancied insult to his mother!

Outlaw Wess Harden had a violent career from early youth, and spent most of his days fleeing the law. Despite the fact that he had killed thirty-five men in his time, when the law finally caught up with him he was sentenced to only twenty-five years in prison. Harden came out after just sixteen years, studied law, and set up practice in Texas. He was shot through the back of the head one night by a badman named John Sellman, who was jealous because Harden had killed more men in his outlaw career than he, Sellman, had killed!

Another character with an itchy trigger-finger was Bill Longley, known to have shot dead almost as many men as Wess Harden. At last he was caught, tried, and sentenced to hang . . . but with the aid of some friends, Longley had an iron collar made for his neck, and a complicated arrangement of heavy rubber bands that lead from the iron collar, down through his clothes and under his in-steps. The arrangement was supposed to break his fall, and prevent his neck from breaking. So Bill Longley was "hanged", and weeping relatives claimed his body, placed it in a coffin, and made off with it. It has never been proved that Longley was still alive when they carried him away . . . on the other hand, no one has ever found his grave!

In the early 1900's the west tamed down . . . most of its outlaws had done each other in, or had met death at the hands of the law. But many lived on, peaceful citizens, and some even found their way to Hollywood to play the parts of badmen in early western movies!



HEADLINES OF YESTERWEST

CHEROKEE BILL HANGED. NO. 13 JINX IN HIS LIFE COMES TO END.

The strange series of 13's surrounding the career of Crawford Goldsby alias "Cherokee Bill" was a favorite conversation topic among Westerners near the close of the last century. The fatal 13's first appeared on the horizon in 1895 when Cherokee had killed 13 men and a reward of \$1,300 had been offered for his capture — dead or alive. His 13th victim had been accounted for after firing 13 shots on the 26th (twice 13) day of March, 1895. He was tried for murder in a trial which lasted 13 hours and the presiding Judge, Isaac C. Parker, took 13 minutes to charge the jury. That body of men found Cherokee guilty in exactly 13 minutes of deliberation. To top it all Cherokee Bill was hanged at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on April 13, 1896.

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In 1885 a unique case was presented to the U. S. District Court of Idaho in the form of a dispute over the ownership of a mine. O'Rourke and Kellogg, two grizzled prospectors in search of gold, had borrowed a donkey to help them carry provisions and equipment. While working the Idaho Hills near the town of what is now Kellogg, they missed the donkey. A search disclosed the animal standing on a rich outcropping of lead ore on the location of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mine. A dispute arose when the rightful owner of the animal claimed a share. Judge Norman Buck decided that the donkey was the official discoverer of the mine and awarded its owner a one-half interest.

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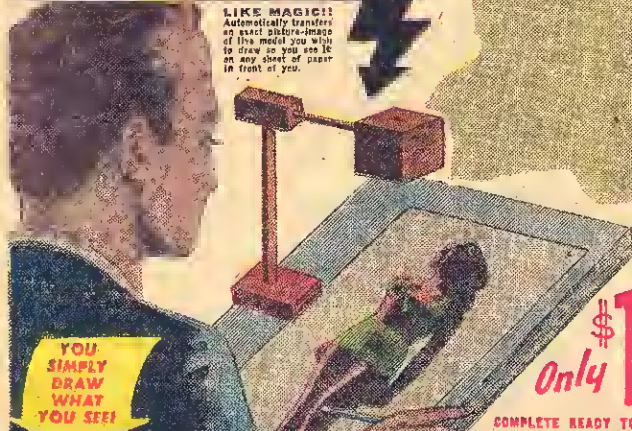
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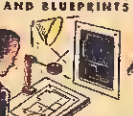
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I GOT MY SIGHTS TRAINED
AT THE MEDDLIN'
MARSHAL'S BACK! THE
SECOND HE GOES FOR
HIS SIXER, HE
GETS IT!

DESPERADO JIM GRENDALL HAD THE WILD WEST FOOLED AND GOOD MEN LAY TWITCHING IN FRONT OF HIS 44'S! THEN HE LEARNED THAT CLOTHES DON'T MAKE A MAN — THAT IT'S NOT THE STAR THAT MAKES THE MARSHAL, BUT THE MARSHAL WHO MAKES THE STAR!

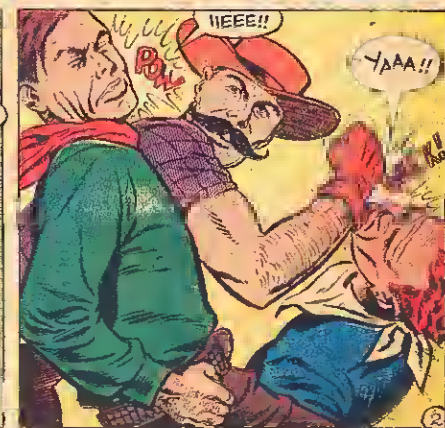
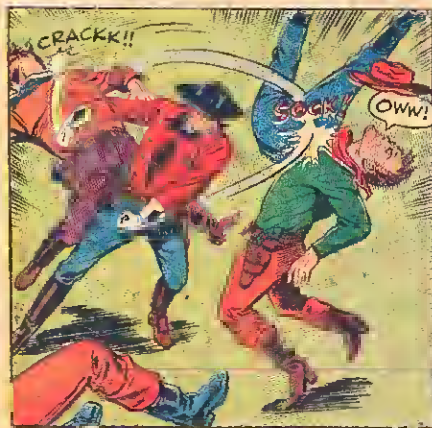
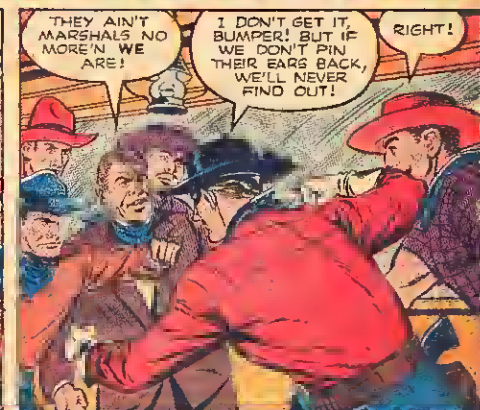
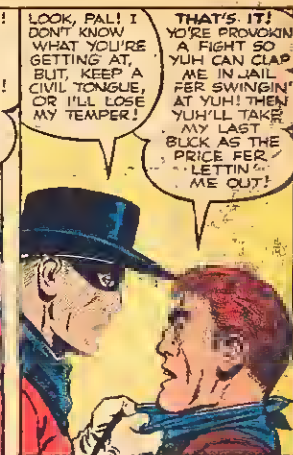
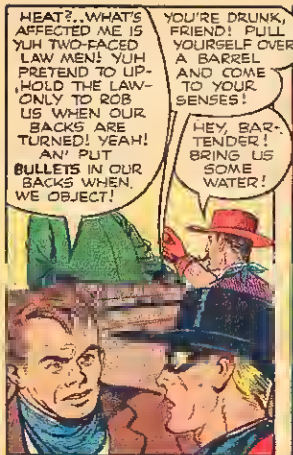
THERE SHOULD
BE A WATER
PUMP SOMEWHERE
AROUND, HERE, BUT
I GUESS THIS
SALOON HAS
SOME AQUA!

WELL, WELL! IF IT AIN'T
SOME MORE CHISELIN'
'LAWMEN! SORRY,
MARSHAL, I GOT NO
GOLD FILLIN'S LEFT TO
GIVE YUH! THEY'RE
ALREADY STOLE OUTTA
MY MOUTH!

WHAT
- BIT
HIM?

THE HEAT IS
PROBABLY
AFFECTED
HIM!

COPPERTOWN SALO





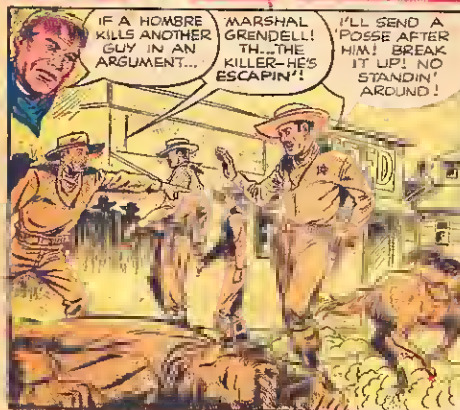
LIKE IT OR NOT, IT'S THE TRUTH! THERE'S A MARSHAL WALKIN' AROUND THIS TOWN WITH A STAR ON HIS CHEST! HE'S GOT TWO DEPUTIES WALKIN' ON EITHER SIDE OF HIM THAT'D KILL YUH SOON AS LOOK AT YUH!

I AIN'T PRETENDIN' TO BE NO-THIN' BUT WHAT I AM! I'M A GAMBLER, AN' I RUN THIS SALOON! BUT IF I'M WRONG ABOUT THEM, GRENDELL AN' HIS BLOOD-HOUNDS, BEIN' ANYTHIN' BUT HEMP BAIT, I NEVER PALMED AN ACE IN MY LIFE!

YOU MEAN DESPERADOES ARE GOING AROUND POSING AS LAW MEN?

WHAT WOULD YUH CALL A TIN STAR WHO DOES NOthin' BUT FRAME PEOPLE, EXTORT DOUGH FROM HONEST CITIZENS, TAKE BRIBES AN' INTIMIDATE WITNESSES?

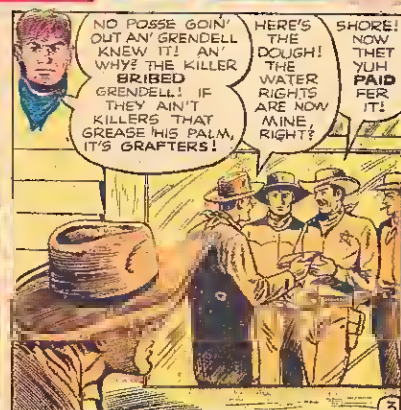
HE POKES HIS NOSE IN-TO EVERY CORNER, BUT NOT TO SERVE JUSTICE! TO TELL THE GUILTY MAN, USUALLY FRAMED, HE CAN GET OUT FOR A PRICE!



IF A HOMBRE KILLS ANOTHER GUY IN AN ARGUMENT...

MARSHAL GRENDELL! TH...THE KILLER-HE'S ESCAPIN'!

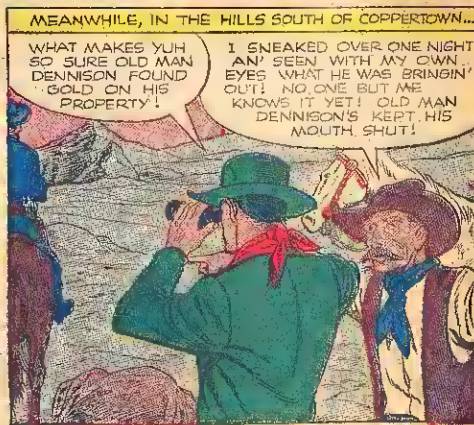
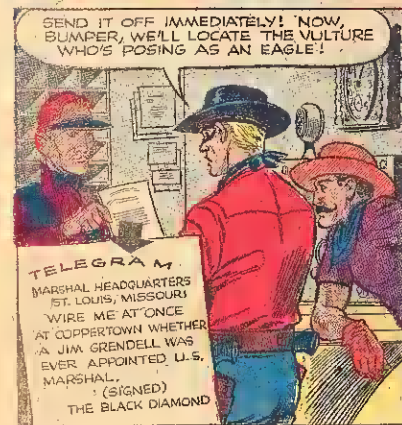
I'LL SEND A POSSE AFTER HIM! BREAK IT UP! NO STANDIN' AROUND!



NO POSSE GOIN' OUT AN' GRENDELL KNEW IT! AN' WHY? THE KILLER BRIBED GRENDELL! IF THEY AIN'T KILLERS THAT GREASE HIS PALM, IT'S GRAFTERS!

HERE'S THE DOUGH! THE WATER RIGHTS ARE NOW MINE, RIGHT?

SHORE! NOW THET YUH PAID FER IT!





I SWEAR TO YUH, GRENDELL! A QUARTER OF THE ORE DENNISON'S BRINGIN' OUT IS STREAKED WITH GOLD!

HOW MANY DID YUH SAY IS ON THIS PROPERTY?



TWO—OLD MAN DENNISON AN' SOME YOUNG KID WHO TAKES CARE OF THE OLD MAN! THEY BEEN WORKIN' THE MINE SLOW... AN' ALONE!

WELL, BOYS? THINK YUH CAN HANDLE AN' OLD MAN AN' A KID?

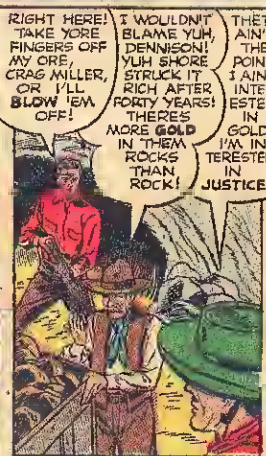


THET'S WHAT I SAY...WHY NOT? LET'S GO!



SHORTLY AFTER...
GULP! H-HEY—YOU'VE GOT NO BUSINESS COMIN' HERE! THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY!

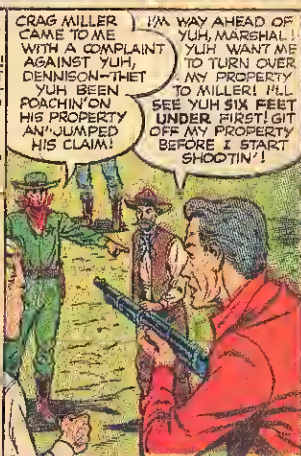
I'M MARSHAL JIM GRENDELL AN' I GO WHERE I PLEASE—ESPECIALLY WHERE PEOPLE GOT NO RESPECT FER THE LAWL! WHERE'S DENNISON?



RIGHT HERE! TAKE YORE FINGERS OFF MY ORE, CRAG MILLER, OR I'LL BLOW 'EM OFF!

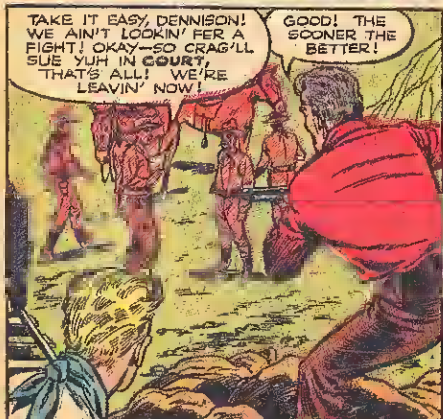
I WOULDN'T BLAME YUH, DENNISON! YUH SHORE STRUCK IT RICH AFTER FORTY YEARS! THERES MORE GOLD IN THEM ROCKS THAN ROCK!

THET AIN'T THE POINT! I AIN'T INTERESTED IN GOLD! I'M INTERESTED IN JUSTICE!



CRAG MILLER CAME TO ME WITH A COMPLAINT AGAINST YUH, DENNISON—THET YUH BEEN POACHIN' ON HIS PROPERTY AN' JUMPED HIS CLAIM!

I'M WAY AHEAD OF YUH, MARSHAL! YUH WANT ME TO TURN OVER MY PROPERTY TO MILLER! I'LL SEE YUH SIX FEET UNDER FIRST! GIT OFF MY PROPERTY BEFORE I START SHOOTIN'!



TAKE IT EASY, DENNISON! WE AIN'T LOOKIN' FER A FIGHT! OKAY—SO CRAG'LL SUE YUH IN COURT! THAT'S ALL! WE'RE LEAVIN' NOW!

GOOD! THE SOONER THE BETTER!

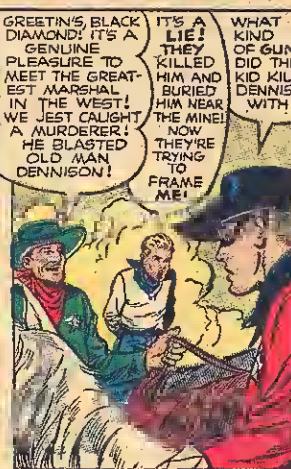
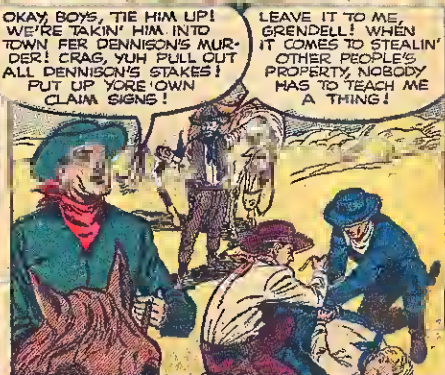
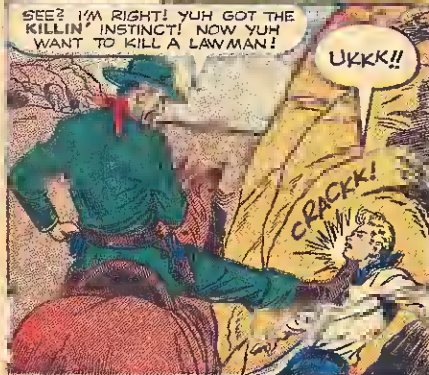


ONLY WE'RE FINISHIN' YUH OFF RIGHT NOW!

OHhhh...

BANG! BANG!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



UGH...!

OKAY, BOYS--
NOW BURY THE
OLD MAN
AMONG THOSE
ROCKS!

YOU MUR-
DERERS!
YOU KILLED
HIM IN
COLD
BLOOD!

STAY
PUT,
KID, OR
YOU'LL
JOIN
HIM!

YUH DON'T UNDER-
STAND THE LAW, KID!
THE LAW GOES BY
EVIDENCE! FOUR
EYE-WITNESSES--ME,
MY DEPUTIES, AN'
CRAG MULLER, SEEN
YUH KILL THE OLD
MAN! YUH WANTED
TO INHERIT HIS
GOLD MINE!

YOU
LIAR!
I'LL
KILL
YOU!

SEE? I'M RIGHT! YUH GOT THE
KILLIN' INSTINCT! NOW YUH
WANT TO KILL A LAWMAN!

UKKK!!

CRACK!

OKAY, BOYS, TIE HIM UP!
WE'RE TAKIN' HIM INTO
TOWN FER DENNISON'S MUR-
DER! CRAG, YUH PULL OUT
ALL DENNISON'S STAKES!
PUT UP YORE 'OWN
CLAIM SIGNS!

LEAVE IT TO ME,
GRENDLELL! WHEN
IT COMES TO STEALIN'
OTHER PEOPLE'S
PROPERTY, NOBODY
HAS TO TEACH ME
A THING!

A HALF HOUR LATER, ON THE
ROAD BACK TO COPPERTOWN...

HEY, JIM, LOOK!
TURNED IF IT
AIN'T THE
BLACK DIAMOND
HEADIN' THIS
WAY! WHAT'LL
WE DO?

STOP ACTIN'
LIKE A FOOL!
THE BLACK
DIAMOND'S
GOT NOTHIN'
ON US! WE
CAN BLUFF
OUR WAY
THROUGH!

GRESTIN'S, BLACK
DIAMOND! IT'S A
GENUINE
PLEASURE TO
MEET THE GREAT-
EST MARSHAL
IN THE WEST!
WE JEST CAUGHT
A MURDERER!
HE BLASTED
OLD MAN
DENNISON!

IT'S A
LIE!
THEY
KILLED
HIM AND
BURIED
HIM NEAR
THE MINE!
NOW
THEY'RE
TRYING
TO FRAME
ME!

WHAT
KIND
OF GUN
DID THE
KID KILL
DENNISON
WITH?

WHY...UH...
A... RIFLE!
A HUNTIN'
RIFLE!

FINE! THEN YOU
WON'T MIND HAND-
ING OVER YOUR
GUNS SO I CAN
COMPARE YOUR
CARTRIDGES WITH
THE SLUGS WE
TAKE OUT OF
DENNISON!



YUH MEDDLIN' SKUNK!
YUH WON'T ONLY SEE
MY GUN, YUH'LL
FEEL IT! SHOOT
HIM DOWN, BOYS!



OKAY—
YOU ASKED
FOR IT,
GRENDALL!

Yuh!!!
OWW!

BANG!
BANG!

BANG!
BANG!



THERE'S ANOTHER
ONE IN THE GANG!
CRAG MILLER—AN
OLD CLAIM JUMPER!
HE'S BACK AT
MR. DENNISON'S
PROPERTY
CHANGIN' THE
CLAIM SIGNS
AROUND!

I'LL DROP IN
ON HIM NOW!
TAKE MARSHAL
GRENDALL
INTO TOWN
BUNKER! SEE
HIM SAFELY TO
A JAILHOUSE
CELL! I'LL BE
ALONG BEFORE
EVENING!



A HALF HOUR LATER, AT THE MINE,
AS CRAG MILLER SPIES THE BLACK
DIAMOND...

COME BACK, YOU
BUSH-WHACKING
COYOTE! YOU
CAN'T ESCAPE!

THE HECK?
CAN'T I KNOW
A SECRET EXIT
FROM THIS MINE
ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF
THE HILL!

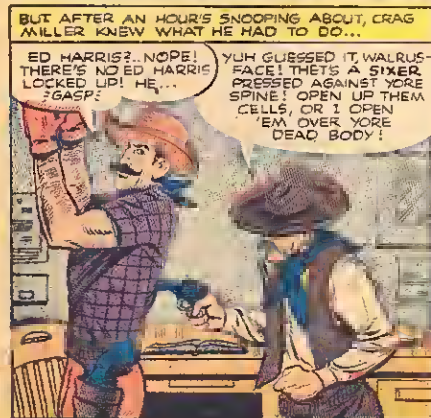


HE'S GIVEN ME THE SLIP.
ALL RIGHT! HAM...NO
WONDER THESE HOMBRES
GOT ITCHY FINGERS!
THIS MINE IS LOADED
WITH GOLD!



AT THE SAME TIME, ON THE
ROAD BACK TO COPPERTOWN...

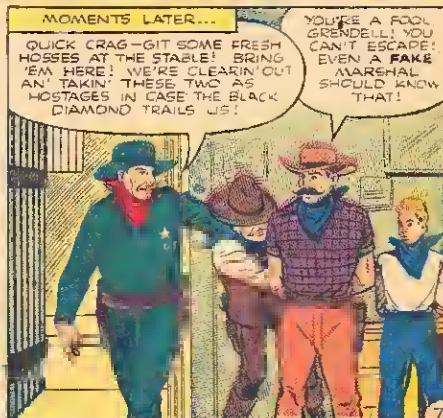
I'VE GOT TO GET TO TOWN AN
SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO
GRENDALL! IF THE BLACK
DIAMOND CAUGHT WISE HE AIN'
NO MARSHAL, MY GOOSE
IS COOKED!



BUT AFTER AN HOUR'S SNOOPING ABOUT, CRAG
MILLER KNEW WHAT HE HAD TO DO...

ED HARRIS?...NOPE!
THERE'S NO ED HARRIS
LOCKED UP! HE...
?GASP?

YUH GUESSED IT, WALRUS-
FACE! THAT'S A SIXER
PRESSED AGAINST YORE
SPINE! OPEN UP THEM
CELLS, OR I OPEN
'EM OVER YORE
DEAD BODY!



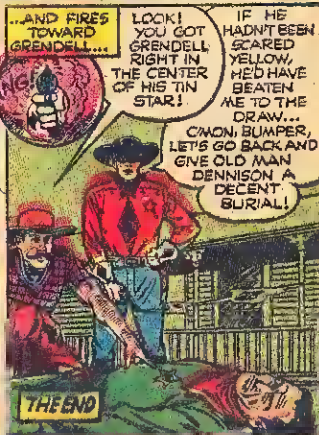
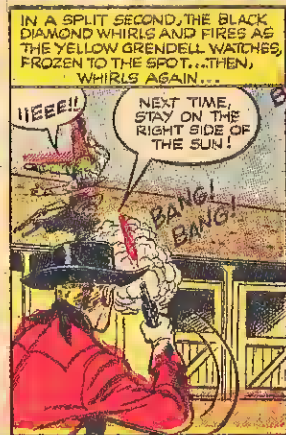
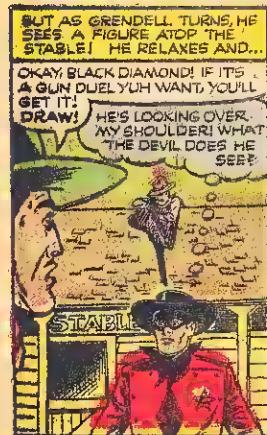
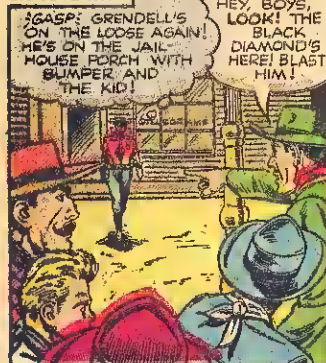
MOMENTS LATER...

QUICK CRAG—GIT SOME FRESH
HOSSES AT THE STABLE! BRING
'EM HERE! WE'RE CLEARIN' OUT
AN' TAKIN' THESE TWO AS
HOSTAGES IN CASE THE BLACK
DIAMOND TRAILS US!

YOU'RE A FOOL,
GRENDALL! YOU
CAN'T ESCAPE!
EVEN A FAKE
MARSHAL
SHOULD KNOW
THAT!

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like millions, mailed
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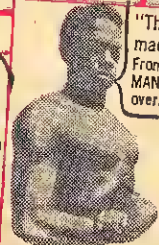


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John Jackson
NOW!!!

John Jackson
Only 90 DAYS ago!

MAN! aren't YOU as SICK and
Tired as I and thousands of
MIGHTY JOWETT HE-MEN
WERE
OF
BEING SKINNY?

Then, Come on, Pal, do as they did!
Give me 10 Pleasant Minutes a Day
and I'll give YOU a NEW HE-MAN BODY
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME.

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are; if
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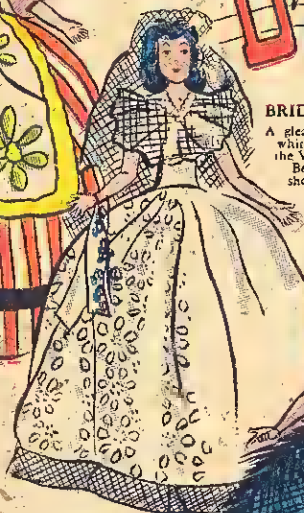
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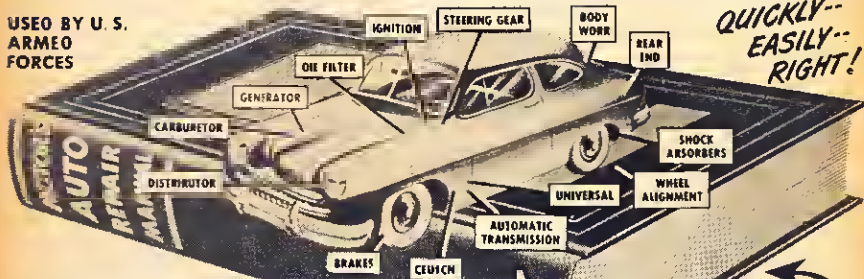
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